

Bell

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Dear Bea:

I am very sorry you did not feel up to seeing us this week; I do hope you will get over this reaction soon. You have many friends here, including Esther and myself, who are concerned for you and your welfare, and will be disappointed if you do not.

Perhaps I have not sufficiently expressed my appreciation for the important and devoted work that you did for me and the department in getting us under way; if not let me do so now. I am deeply grateful.

Were you not able to make arrangements for your studies? I have tried several times to reach Dr. Ratner to ask about that, but never succeeded -- perhaps he is out of town. But I hope you are not discouraged, and if the timing was bad for formal registration that you will try to make some informal arrangements for the interval, and get on track next quarter. I am sure you have thought of other possibilities, if they exist, for studies in this area outside Stanford too, at least as a temporary expedient.

The terms of your resignation were agreeable to me, if they are to you, and I have forwarded the form as required. I assume you are looking for another position but I do not know whether this would be full time or part time; when your plans are settled, please let me know how I might be of help -- for example in contacting other offices in the medical school. I do feel that until you have settled your personal affairs that you should look for a situation where the pressures are less inhumanly relentless than they have been here (and which, more than you know, were bound to worsen.)

With best wishes,

Sincerely,